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## HOUSE BILL No. 1836

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DIGEST OF HB 1836 (Updated February 6, 2003 9:45 AM - DI 97)

**Citations Affected:** IC 27-8; IC 27-13; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Insurance coverage for childhood immunizations. Requires coverage under a policy of accident and sickness insurance and under a health maintenance organization contract for childhood immunizations that are recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control. Specifies that if a provider provides treatment or evaluation and, at the same time, a childhood immunization, the provider must be paid separately for the evaluation or treatment and the childhood immunization.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance, Corporations and Small Business.  
February 10, 2003, reported — Do Pass. Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1836

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 31. Coverage for Childhood Immunizations**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "covered individual" means an**  
6 **individual who is covered under a policy of accident and sickness**  
7 **insurance.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "insurer" means an insurer (as**  
9 **defined in IC 27-1-2-3) that issues, delivers, or renews a policy of**  
10 **accident and sickness insurance.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "policy of accident and sickness**  
12 **insurance" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-5-1. However, the**  
13 **term does not include the following:**

- 14 (1) Accident only, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement,  
15 long term care, or disability income insurance.  
16 (2) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance.  
17 (3) Worker's compensation or similar insurance.

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(4) Automobile medical payment insurance.

(5) A specified disease policy issued as an individual policy.

(6) A limited benefit health insurance policy issued as an individual policy.

(7) A short term insurance plan that:

(A) may not be renewed; and

(B) has a duration of not more than six (6) months.

(8) A policy that provides a stipulated daily, weekly, or monthly payment to an insured during hospital confinement, without regard to the actual expense of the confinement.

**Sec. 4. An insurer shall provide coverage of a covered individual under a policy of accident and sickness insurance for childhood immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.**

**Sec. 5. If a provider provides treatment or an evaluation of a covered individual at the same time the provider administers to the covered individual a childhood immunization covered under this chapter, the insurer shall pay the provider for the treatment or evaluation and the childhood immunization as two (2) separate charges.**

**Sec. 6. An insurer may not apply a copayment, a deductible, coinsurance, or an out of pocket expense to the coverage of childhood immunizations that is required under this chapter.**

**SECTION 2. IC 27-13-7-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 18. (a) A group contract or an individual contract that provides coverage for basic health care services must provide coverage of an enrollee for childhood immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.**

**(b) If a provider provides treatment or an evaluation of an enrollee at the same time the provider administers to the enrollee a childhood immunization covered under this section, the health maintenance organization shall pay the provider for the treatment or evaluation and the childhood immunization as two (2) separate charges.**

**(c) A health maintenance organization may not apply a copayment, a deductible, or an out of pocket expense to the coverage of childhood immunizations that is required under this section.**

**SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) IC 27-8-31, as**



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1 added by this act, applies to a policy of accident and sickness  
2 insurance that is issued, delivered, or renewed after June 30, 2003.  
3 (b) IC 27-13-7-18, as added by this act, applies to a contract with  
4 a health maintenance organization that is entered into, delivered,  
5 or renewed after June 30, 2003.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance, Corporations and Small Business, to which was referred House Bill 1836, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

FRY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 3.

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